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NAVAL DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD (NDRB)

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References	(a) 10 U.S.C. 1553
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1. **Policy**. The Naval Discharge Review Board (NDRB) was established to review whether the type and nature of discharge issued a petitioner should be changed, corrected, or modified; and if so, what actions should be made.

2. **Scope**. The NDRB may review all final discharges except those

a. awarded more than 15 years before an application for review was submitted,

b. resulting from a general court-martial, or

c. due to physical disability.

3. **Authority**. The NDRB has no authority to

a. revoke any discharge;

b. reinstate a person in the military service;

c. recall a person to active duty;

d. waive discharge/change reenlistment (RE) code to permit enlistment in the naval or other Armed Forces;

- e. cancel enlistment contracts;
- f. change, correct, or modify any document other than the discharge document;
- g. change the reason for discharge from, or to, physical disability; or
- h. determine eligibility for veteran's benefits.

4. **Requirements.** To permit relief, an error must have been found to have existed during the period of enlistment in question. The member's good conduct after discharge, in and of itself, is not sufficient to warrant changing an unfavorable discharge. There is no entitlement to a discharge upgrade, there is no automatic review of a discharge by NDRB, and there is no automatic upgrade of discharge 6 months after discharge. Individuals must submit an application (DD 293 (Rev. 03-04), Application for the Review of Discharge or Dismissal from the Armed Forces of the United States) for a review of the discharge.

5. **Applications**

- a. Applications for review (DD 293) and general information can be obtained by writing to:

**Secretary of the Navy
Council of Review Boards
720 Kennon Street SE STE 309 (NDRB)
Washington Navy Yard DC 20374-5023**

- b. Or visit our web site at:

www.hq.navy.mil/ncpb/